Requirement of New Petrol Pumps in Nagpur district

2440. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of New Petrol Pumps of the various Oil Companies, for Nagpur district (Maharashtra) in the near future;

(b) what are the places where these are required;

(c) whether these have been advertised and if not, by when they will be advertised; and

(d) what steps are being taken to facilitate easy availability of Petrol and Diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The current demand of motoring public is being met by the existing 86 retail outlet dealerships in Nagpur Distt. of Maharashtra. Keeping in view the growing demand of petrol/diesel, oil marketing companies are in the process of appointing 13 retail outlets at the following locations in Nagpur District:

Nagpur (5)
Nagpur Amrawati Road
Vill. Jugeshwar
Bazargaon Vill.
Hingna Road MIDC
Saoner
Khamla Rind Road Junction
Palora
Pratap Nagar.

(c) Out of the above, 7 dealerships have already been advertised and the remaining locations are due to be advertised shortly.

(d) To facilitate availability of petrol & Diesel, new Retail Outlets are opened from time to time on the basis of market survey. The task of the oil industry is to ensure that stocks are available at the existing retail outlets to avoid dry-outs.

Voluntary retirement schemes for Port and Dock workers

2441. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced some voluntary retirement schemes for the port and dock workers;

(b) if so, the date from which these schemes have come into force;

(c) the response of port and dock workers to such schemes since then; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 29-8-1901.

(c) and (d) So far 9750 employees have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme which includes 356 officers, 4335 emplo-yees and 5059 workers. A total amount of Rs. 12394.91 lakhs has been paid on account of *ex-gratia* towards Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Allocation of Kerosene to West Bengal.

2442. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) what was the quota of kerosene oil earmarked for West Bengal in 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what was the actual quantity of kerosene oil supplied to the State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The quantaties of kerosene allocated and actually supplied to West Bengal in